

REMARKS

Applicant hereby traverses the rejections of record and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of such in view of the remarks contained herein. Claims 2-17 are pending in this application.

In the Final Action, the Examiner remarks "claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, ... and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and upon the submission of timely filed terminal disclaimers to overcome the double patenting rejections. Claims 5-11 and 13-17 would be allowable upon submission of timely filed terminal disclaimers...." See Final Action, pg. 13. Please note that claim 1 has been cancelled and claims 2, 4, and 12 have been amended. Also, note that Applicant has filed terminal disclaimers herewith. Claims 2-17 are pending in this application.

Conclusion

In view of the above, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10970696-3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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